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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1998 – The Vienna parks and Recreation Department has been awarded a grant of \$6,000 by the Virginia Department of Forestry to help fund a town-wide inventory of street trees to document the location, species, size, condition, and maintenance needs of the estimated 6,000 trees now growing on the roadsides and median strips, and to record the results on a computer software program specifically designed for tree management and care.

SEPTEMBER 1988 – The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved the addition of \$1.23 million to its bond issue for downtown revitalization projects to be used for Church Street in Vienna. Centreville District Supervisor Martha Pennino offered the amendment following a public hearing last month at which both Mayor Charles Robinson and Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce President T.R. Cook spoke of the need to revitalize the town's commercial areas.

SEPTEMBER 1978 – Some 200 people attended the Town Council's September 23 public hearing on the proposed widening and improvement of Park Street, the majority of whom expressed strong opposition to any major changes. Council scheduled the hearing in response to a State Highway Department memorandum concerning the project's impact on the trees along Park Street. The memo states that about 700 trees will be removed, die, or decline if the street is widened.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY:
Vienna Newsline — 703-255-6333
To Order a Special Pickup — 703-255-5727
www.viennava.gov

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Special Pickups Ending

October 1 is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Pickups will be taken in October, November, December, and January. See page 4 for details.

GTCC Shares Concerns About Tysons Growth

The Greater Tysons Citizens' Coalition (GTCC) represents the shared concerns of communities in the Tysons Corner area, including the Town of Vienna, who want their voices heard in decisions concerning proposed redevelopment. One of GTCC's goals is to protect nearby communities from undue traffic increases and from stresses on schools, water/sewer systems, and other facilities. Read GTCC's open letter to citizens on page 5.

2009 Calendar Deadline

Attention Vienna non-profit organizations! September 1 is the deadline to submit information about your community events for next year to be published in the 2009 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@viennava.gov.

Sidewalk Priority Hearing Sept. 22

At its September 22 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed list of sidewalk construction priorities. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

In 2006 the Vienna Sidewalk Committee, composed of representatives from the Town's Planning and Transportation Safety Commissions, conducted a survey to get citizen input on the need for additional pedestrian facilities. Based on the responses to that survey, the committee prioritized projects into four groups to recommend to the Town Council, giving top priority to areas without any sidewalks followed by areas with sidewalks already on one side of the street. Other criteria included providing walking routes to schools, bus stops and shopping, and infill where sidewalks are not continuous.

The proposed sidewalks in Priority Group 1 are listed below. For a complete list of all four priority groups, go to www.viennava.gov or call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

PROPOSED SIDEWALKS – PRIORITY GROUP 1

- McHenry Street, S.E., from Park to Fardale Streets (This project has been completed.)
- Windover Avenue, N.W., from Lawyers Road to Nutley Street
- Plum Street, S.W., from Cottage Street to Harmony Drive
- Park Street, N.E., from Church Street to Hilltop Road
- Moore Avenue, S.E., from Park Street to Ninovan Road
- Lewis Street, N.W., from Orchard Street to Windover Avenue
- Orchard Street, N.W., from Lewis Street to Windover Avenue
- Harmony Drive, S.W., from Cottage Street to the swim club
- Lawyers Road, N.W., from Blair Court to Abbottsford Drive
- West Street, N.W., from Lewis Street to Windover Avenue
- Dogwood Street, S.W., from Cottage to Center Streets
- East Street, S.E., from Maple Avenue to Echols Street
- East Street, N.E., from Maple Avenue to Church Street
- Talahi Road, S.E., from Park Street to Ninovan Road
- Nutley Street, N.W., from Maple Avenue to Knoll Street

Finance Department Now Accepting Credit Cards at the Counter

The Town is now offering credit and debit card payment services for utility bills, new water account deposits, and real estate tax payments in the Finance Department at Town Hall. VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit and debit cards are accepted. A convenience fee will apply to all transactions. (The Town does not receive any portion of the convenience fee.) For more information, call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323.

Leaf Collection & Special Pickup Dates are Changing

Last year, the Town of Vienna experienced a delayed autumn season, with leaves falling throughout December and into January. To provide better service in case of another late autumn, a fourth pass through town has been added to the leaf collection schedule, and the Special Pickup program will resume in February instead of January. (See page 4 for information on Special Pickups.)

The schedule for 2008-2009 is shown below. For more information about leaf collection, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

NORTH VIENNA

Rake Leaves by:	Collection Starts:	
October 22	October 23	(1st Pass)
November 2	November 3	(2nd Pass)
November 27	November 28	(3rd Pass)
December 28	December 29	(4th Pass)

SOUTH SIDE

Rake Leaves by:	Collection Starts:	
October 26	October 27	(1st Pass)
November 10	November 11	(2nd Pass)
December 12	December 13	(3rd Pass)
January 7	January 8	(4th Pass)

Leaf collection crews may take several days to finish in an area, but they will only pass your address once during each collection period.

SPECIAL PICKUPS WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 1, 2009.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
 FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
 Deadline for October issue is September 15.

"Vienna at Your Service" Showcases VVFD

Join Mayor Jane Seeman at the next "Vienna at Your Service" meeting on Tuesday, September 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S. Tour the newly renovated facility and meet the volunteers.

"Vienna at Your Service" is designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about local government operations. Future meetings will include visits with Police Department detectives, Patrick Henry Library staff, the Director of Finance, and the Town's boards and commissions.

Citizens are asked to register with the Parks and Recreation Department for each session they wish to attend. For more information, see the fall recreation brochure or call 703-255-6360.

More Police Info Now Online

The Vienna Police Department has recently started a new feature on the Town's Web site called VPD Highlights. The weekly posting includes reported incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes and Police Department news media releases.

VPD Highlights is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the police, but rather a substantive summary of selected incidents that may be of interest to the community.

VPD Highlights are online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/police_vpd_highlights.htm. For more information, call Officer Bill Murray at 703-255-6396 or e-mail wmurray@viennava.gov.

NEW IN TOWN? There's a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1 <i>Labor Day</i> Town Hall closed	2 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	3	4 <i>Patriot Day</i> Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	5	6 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
7 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	8 Town Council	9 Mayor's Advisory Committee series on town government	10 Planning Commission	11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Town Council work session	16	17 Board of Zoning Appeals	18 Board of Architectural Review	19	20
21	22 Town Council	23	24 Planning Commission	25 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	26	27
28	29 <i>Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</i>	30 Transportation Safety Commission				

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Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in July:

Maverick Mosaics <i>mosaic art studio</i> 145 Church St., N.W. #200 703-856-5160	First Impression Web Solutions <i>consultant</i> 563 Malcolm Rd., N.W. 571-643-3359
Veteran Technologies Corp. <i>consultant</i> 301 Maple Ave., W. #610 703-938-9382	Baprosa <i>mortgage brokerage</i> 121 Pleasant St., S.W. #A&B 703-938-3212
MBR Computer Consultants <i>computer consultant</i> 301 Maple Ave., W. #610 703-938-9382	Lu de Lu <i>online sales of tea gifts</i> 507 Alma St., S.E. 703-424-2907
Biquintile Designs <i>interior design consultant</i> 320 Glyndon St., N.E. 703-409-4092	Total Care Pet Sitting <i>pet sitting</i> 832 Ninovan Rd., S.E. 703-424-3223
Photography by George Lovelace <i>photography</i> 425 West St., N.W. 571-225-9838	Gronning Website Solutions <i>website development</i> 208 Fardale St., S.E. 202-306-6964
Savoir-Faire <i>wedding planner</i> 202 Scott Cir., S.W. 703-242-3777	Vienna Pet Spaw <i>pet grooming & products</i> 101 Church St., N.W. #A 703-319-7729

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★ SHOP IN VIENNA ★

Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in September: *30 years* – Dr. Joseph J. Devylder; *20 years* – Elizabeth F. Geiger Associates; *10 years* – C&L Decorations, Cooper Materials Handling, Domino's Pizza, Healthy Investment, Philips Barber Shop, Yama Japanese Restaurant.

Be a Meals on Wheels Volunteer

The Vienna-Dunn Loring area Meals on Wheels program urgently needs volunteer drivers to deliver meals to local residents. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. You may sign up on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or substitute basis and mileage reimbursement is provided. For more information, call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Intake Line at 703-324-5406 or e-mail DFSAAAvounteer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Volunteers are always needed to assist senior citizens and disabled adults with transportation, household tasks, yard work, and other jobs, or just to drop by for a friendly visit. For a listing of volunteer opportunities and services, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa.

Absentee Voting Begins This Month

Registered voters who will be away from home on Election Day, November 4, or who are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, may vote by absentee ballot in-person in the Office of Elections at the County Government Center beginning September 19 or apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them.

To vote absentee by mail, you must complete an application and mail or fax it to the Office of Elections. Applications are available at Town Hall and other locations around the county and online. For information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/absentee.htm#mail> or call 703-222-0776.

Banner Applications Available Oct. 1

Application forms to display banners across Maple Avenue in 2009 will be available in the Public Works Department at Town Hall beginning Wednesday, October 1. Applications may be submitted by non-profit community organizations any time through November. Organizations displaying banners this year will automatically receive application forms in the mail. Banner space will be awarded in December via a lottery. Each banner will be displayed for two weeks.

Cats at Risk When Allowed to Roam

Your Town of Vienna Animal Warden reminds cat owners that the safest place for your pet is indoors. Statistics show that cats who remain indoors live longer than those that venture outside. Cats that are allowed to roam free are exposed to many dangers, including disease, poisoning, other animals, cruel people, and traffic.

Stray cats also pose a threat to wild birds and can annoy neighbors by digging in their yards and leaving excrement. Improve your cat's health, safety, and neighborhood popularity by curbing its instinct to wander.

Comment from the Council Table

Asking the Right Question

By Laurie Genevro Cole
Vienna Town Councilwoman

It may seem obvious that how we frame a question can influence the answer we get. But recently I saw an article that brought this point home for me in a very important context for Vienna's future – how we go about planning development.

A Portland, Oregon, magazine posed the question: "With about a million more people arriving in the Portland metro area by 2030, what is the most important thing for the city to preserve?" This simple question turns upside down the approach to planning we've been dealing with in our area, where the object of planning typically is to identify what changes we want new development to bring.

Putting the emphasis on what we have now that we consider worth preserving seems a natural for our Town. It's perhaps just another way of saying that we want to keep Vienna's "small town feel." I'd like to see us make it an explicit planning prin-

ciple as we move forward on planning Vienna's, and the region's, future.

For Maple Avenue, what would we like to preserve? I would like to preserve the opportunity for small, independent businesses and shops to locate there. These businesses serve the community not just by the items they sell or the services they provide, but also by providing places where we meet each other and share a "hello." This is a vital part of our community life that I value.

As a Town government, we can set policies to make our commercial districts attractive and desirable, to encourage businesses to locate here. We recognize that we can't compete with Tysons Corner and the retail stores that will choose to locate there. But we can provide an attractive alternative for business that serve our residents and support our economic base.

For the greater Tysons area, and the



Councilwoman Cole

planning discussions that continue about its future, is there anything we can say we would like to preserve? I would like to preserve the boundaries separating Tysons development from the surrounding communities of Vienna, McLean and Falls Church, to protect our neighborhoods from encroachments of traffic and visual blight. I would also like to preserve our ability to move to and through Tysons, so we can share in the benefits of a more functional Tysons and so that we can maintain contact with our County neighbors in McLean, Falls Church and the rest of the area.

What would you like to preserve about Vienna? And – because it is still a valid question, just not the only question – what would you like to see changed? I hope all our citizens will join in these discussions as we plan our community's future.

Public Input Invited On Legislative Priorities

At its September 8 meeting, the Town Council will discuss its legislative priorities for the 2009 Virginia General Assembly session. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate in setting these priorities for the Town, which will be conveyed to State Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Steve Shannon, Vienna's representatives in Richmond.

"A DAY TO REMEMBER"

9-11 Community Commemoration

Thursday, September 11, 2008

10:00 a.m.

at the

Freeman House

131 Church Street, N.E.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 180
in cooperation with the Town of Vienna.

For more information,
call Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

Special Pickup Deadline Oct. 1

Wednesday, October 1, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Pickup this year. No orders for Special Pickups will be taken in October, November, December, and January so that Town crews can concentrate on leaf collection.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, building materials, brush, and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place dis-cards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 dollars per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the debris has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. Place all items at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property.

Special Pickup Guidelines

The amount and type of debris allowed are limited to the following:

1. Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment.
2. Sod and brush.
3. 300 pounds of scrap metal per residence, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which shall include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence shall be limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup.
6. Please refrain from placing piles of brush under power lines or trees, or close to shrubs, walls or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.
7. All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper.
8. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a special pickup.

The following items will **not** be picked up:

1. Gas tanks
2. Fuel oil tanks
3. Any motor powered by gas or diesel fuel
4. Pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon.
5. Mounted tires (Town crews will pick up the tire and the rim as long as they are separated.)
6. Tree stumps and tree parts over 6 inches in diameter
7. Paint cans
8. Biohazardous waste including needles and syringes
9. Contractor generated material
10. Brush and trash that are mixed
11. Dirt
12. White goods, which include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces

Call Promptly for Your Special Pickup

Please call the Special Pickup number, 703-255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance with the Town Code.

No White Goods in Special Pickups

White goods are not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cooktops, dehumidifiers and furnaces.

Many appliance dealers will remove an old unit when a new one is delivered. Also, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. in Lorton. There is a \$1 disposal fee for each appliance. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Contractor Debris Will Not Be Picked Up

If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

Oktoberfest activities on Saturday, October 4, at Vienna's historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will include a book signing by local Civil War authors on the porch from noon to 3 p.m. and a Halloween Hunt for ages 4-9 on the lawn beginning at 1 p.m. (no costumes required). Both activities are free of charge. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Wireless Society, established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in the Northern Virginia area, will meet at 7:30 p.m. September 12 and 26 in the Vienna Elementary School cafeteria. You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to attend. For more information, visit www.viennawireless.org or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

The next VWS balloon launch will take place between Labor Day and Columbus Day. The balloon program provides club members an opportunity to experiment in flight technology and tracking and direction finding, and to support science education programs. Visit the Web site for information about the launch and how to track the flight by computer.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center the second and fourth Wednesdays in September at 7:30 p.m. Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For more information, call Nicola at 703-268-5001 or visit <http://viennatmc.freetoasthost.ws>.

Bingo at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., is held every Sunday, with all proceeds benefiting the fire department. Sales begin at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. The minimum purchase is a \$10 game pack (20 games). Every regular game pays \$100 plus a \$1,000 jackpot. For more information, visit www.vvfd.org.

Brinker Toastmasters meets at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Men and women interested in becoming more effective listeners, leaders, and speakers are welcome to attend. For more information, visit brinker.wordpress.com.

Vienna Names in the News

Sgt. Jamie Smith, a 23-year veteran of the Vienna Police Department, is the recipient of the 2008 Charles A. Robinson Respect for Law Award presented by the Optimist Club of Vienna. Among his many accomplishments, Sgt. Smith is an expert in the enforcement of drunk driving laws and has earned the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) award 12 consecutive years for making the most DWI arrests. His conviction rate is near 100%.

Kimberly Morrow, a graduate of James Madison High School and Virginia Tech who now teaches at Clermont Elementary School near Alexandria, was named Walmart Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. She is the daughter of **Julia Smith**, secretary to **Mayor Jane Seeman**.

The Vienna Theatre Company received the 2007-2008 Ruby Griffith All-Round Production Excellence Award for its production last fall of "Taking Leave," the story of a family's experience with Alzheimer's disease. Awards are presented to amateur theater groups annually by the British Players in honor of founding member Ruby Griffith.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227, which meets in Vienna, was selected Chapter of the Year at the Virginia State Council Convention. The chapter provides support to its members and other veterans, active duty military personnel, and the community.

Vienna Rotary Club recently presented its Service Above Self Awards to **Auxiliary Police Officer Ken Plumb**, **Director of Parks and Recreation Cathy Salgado**, and **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department EMS Capt. Anthony Stancampiano**. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service to the community. In addition, the club presented donations totaling \$8,000 to the three departments.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, which has collected approximately 15,000 magazines and paperback books in the last two years for the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, has put Virginia in first place for the DAR's national Literacy Challenge. Thanks to everyone who has donated.

Rummage sale and car wash will be held on Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. to noon at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. Browse and buy while your car is washed. For more information, call the church at 703-938-3494.

Vienna AARP Chapter 754 will meet at the Vienna Community Center for a potluck luncheon and bingo at 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 8. A business meeting and entertainment will be held on Monday, September 22.

Breakfast buffet at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, is open the third Sunday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age

12. Breakfast is served daily and lunch on weekdays. For information, call 703-938-9535.

Vienna Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, at the Vienna Community Center. A representative from Our Daily Bread, a social service organization helping low-income Fairfax County residents, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 703-620-0952.

"Little Library," located on the grounds of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will be open to visitors on Sunday, September 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. Members of Historic Vienna, Inc., provide a history of the building and its role as Vienna's first library.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Congressional candidate forum, open to the public, will be hosted by Vienna American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, at the Legion Post, 330 Center St., N. (enter at the rear of the building). Democrat Gerald Connolly and Republican Keith Fimian have accepted invitations to participate. For more information, call Edythe Kelleher at 703-242-7651.

5K run/walk, sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union, will be held on Saturday, September 20, beginning and ending at Navy Federal's headquarters, 820 Follin Lane, S.E. Check-in time is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and the race will begin at 9 a.m. The event will include Chrono-Track timing, post-race refreshments, and raffle prizes. Proceeds will benefit CHO (Committee for Helping Others). To register and for more information, visit www.runwashington.com or call Julia McNaney at 703-206-4362.

This month at Patrick Henry Library: Tuesday, September 16, 11 a.m. – Wii bowling, tennis, baseball, and other games; no previous experience necessary. September 19, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. – licensed health professional Casey Tarr will teach you how to be your own health care advocate. Tuesday, September 23, 1 p.m. – Iraq Endgame, the first in the Great Decisions 2008 seminar series developed by the Foreign Policy Association to bring people together to discuss and learn about foreign policy issues. Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m. – Personal Power Institute founder Kevin Soltani will discuss How to Free Yourself From Painful Memories. The first Wednesday of every month, travel the world through movies; September's film is set in Ireland. All programs are free of charge; to register, call 703-938-0405.

Used book sale, sponsored by the McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women, will be held September 19-21 at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds fund scholarships for women. On

Sunday buy a bagful of books for just \$7. For more information, call 703-448-9195 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball seeks men age 50+ and women 40+ to play "Fall Ball" on Fairfax County fields Tuesday and Thursday mornings, September 2-October 30. NVSS has 25 teams organized into 3 skill-level conferences. Players are assigned to a team at the skill level they meet by a skill assessment, not a tryout. Eleven play defense, and everyone bats. For more information, call Dave, 703-524-5576, or Ted, 703-913-0028, or visit www.nvss.org.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Martin J. Schram will discuss his new book, *Vets Under Siege: How America Deceives and Dishonors Those Who Fight Our Battles*. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, September 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

Newcomers Club will begin its 44th year with a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 11, at Marco Polo Restaurant. For reservations and more information, call Nancy Crowley at 703-938-4835. The club also sponsors a bridge group, book exchange, and bowling league.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house and registration for the fall session of its "Adventures in Learning" program on Thursday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton. Classes will be held on Thursdays, September 18-November 6, and include a health series, religions of the

world, national affairs and the candidates, bridge, T'ai Chi, and more. The fee of \$35 covers all classes for the eight-week session. For more information, call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters of Vienna, Virginia, is a special group of ladies who just want to have fun. New members are invited to join the Red Hat Society as they "laugh and play their way into adulthood." For more information, call Queen Mother Shirley Jackson at 703-938-4747 or e-mail supergram613@verizon.net.

Vienna Host Lions Club meets at 6:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Newly installed club president Dr. Robert Duca invites prospective members to call 703-938-3334 for a dinner reservation and more information.

Vienna Farmers' Market, located on historic Church Street in the caboose parking lot, is open each Saturday through November 1 from 8 a.m. to noon (closed October 4 for Oktoberfest). In September the market will offer apples, pumpkins, peaches, and other fresh fruits and vegetables and assorted taste treats. The market is operated by the Optimist Club of Vienna. For more information, contact info@viennafarmersmarket.com or 703-200-7806.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, September 18, at Patrick Henry Library. Brigid Doherty, Mobility Specialist with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, will speak on Metro's accessibility program. For more information, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

Calling all crafters and vendors! The Vienna Woman's Club 48th annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 8, at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-938-7716 or e-mail jvolpe@cox.net. Funds raised support the club's scholarship program.

Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC)

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August 1, 2008

Dear Neighbors,

For the \$5 billion that will be spent for Metrorail through Tysons Corner to Dulles Airport, you'd think we would get some relief from traffic congestion at Tysons Corner. Instead, we may simply get more congestion.

With the promise of Metrorail's extension to Dulles Airport, Fairfax County began planning for the "redevelopment" of Tysons around the four proposed rail stops there. In 2005, a special group was appointed by the Board of Supervisors - the Tysons Land Use Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to study how to take advantage of Metrorail to improve the vitality and functionality of Tysons, while protecting the character of the surrounding communities.

What has resulted from the Task Force's three years of study—and \$1 million in consultants' fees—is not what we need. What we need is a plan for how Metrorail can help relieve our oppressive traffic congestion and improve our environment by getting cars off the road and commuters into mass transit. Instead, the Task Force has recommended greater density of offices and condos at Tysons, resulting in (by the consultants' own studies) more (not less) traffic. In addition, their recommendations will cause huge demands on our schools, parks, water and sewer systems, with ultimate responsibility falling on the taxpayer for much of the new infrastructure.

The promise of Metrorail now looks less like a benefit for commuters, and more like a windfall to developers.

The Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) is a group of citizens and civic associations in Fairfax County, formed to represent the concerns of the communities most affected by the untrammled growth at Tysons Corner. We understand that economic growth at Tysons can benefit the County and the region, but we are concerned that the Task Force has lost sight of its initial mission: *to plan a transformed Tysons that respects and protects the established communities surrounding it.*

We, as neighbors and taxpayers want better. For this reason, the GTCC is reaching out to citizens' groups and homeowner associations in the greater Tysons area to bring this critical planning process to your attention. As the Task Force prepares to wrap up, and the planning process moves to the next stage (to include a George Mason University assessment of traffic, sewer/water and school requirements for high-density development at Tysons) we must let our County Supervisors know that we expect and deserve a Tysons plan that benefits everyone living in the community—not just those who profit from it.

The GTCC would be glad to meet with your group to share information about the future of Tysons Corner and the critical issues ahead. Together, our voices can carry our common concerns to the discussions that will shape our future.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Alexander, Chairman, Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition (GTCC) – TedBusiness@aol.com

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Robert H. Jackson, President, McLean Citizens Association (MCA) – rhjackson@cox.net

Charles W. Hall, Chairman, Providence District Council – challnova@aol.com

James Barrett, President, Hunter Mill Defense League – jamesbarrett@verizon.net

GTCC is comprised of citizens and civic associations in Fairfax County, VA including the McLean Citizens Association, Providence District Council, Hunter Mill Defense League, Fairfax Citizens for Responsible Growth, homeowner associations, and the Mayor and other leaders of the Town of Vienna. GTCC seeks to ensure that plans for high-density growth at Tysons Corner do not overwhelm our already burdened roads, schools, parks, sewers, and streams. For more information, contact Ted Alexander at TedBusiness@aol.com or (703) 847-5080

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

BUS TRIPS

Atlantic City Overnighter October 9 and 10. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. Thursday and return around 8 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents of \$179 per person single occupancy, \$130 double occupancy, and \$121 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, buffet breakfast, and overnight accommodations at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino. Reservation deadline September 12.

Tour historic Richmond on Wednesday, September 17. Leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The cost of \$60 for town residents includes transportation, guided tour of the newly renovated capitol building and the John Marshall house, self-guided tour of the Virginia Historical Society, and lunch at the Can Can Brasserie in the Carytown neighborhood.

Visit the Waterford Fair on Friday, October 3. Leave the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost of \$35 for town residents includes transportation and entrance to the fair, which features tours of historic homes and a crafts exhibit by 160 artisans from across the country.

September on the Town Green

Sunday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.
Difficult Run Jazz Band

Friday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.
Jimmy and Moondi — Bluegrass
Sponsored by Intermarkets

September 9 and October 7, 10:30 a.m.
"Tuesday Tales" for ages 2-5
Presented by Patrick Henry Library

All performances are free of charge. For weather cancellations, call 703-255-6360 or 703-255-7842 two hours before the event. Please bring a blanket or chair and leave your pets at home. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. A special thank you to the Friends of the Town Green and our sponsors for their support.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is a new course being offered on Mondays, September 15-November 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. The cost of \$350 includes 8 classes, a workbook, 2 CDs, and a half-day retreat with lunch. Common reasons people take MBSR are: stress, chronic pain or illness, anxiety or depression, grief or loss, food or drug addictions, and emotional or thinking patterns that cause a sense of discontent. The ultimate course goal is that participants will learn how to face even the worst catastrophies in life with a sense of peace and calm.

A free preview of the MBSR program will be held at the Community Center on Thursday, September 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information about MBSR, go to www.umassmed.edu/cfm.

Adult fall co-ed softball league begins the week of September 8. Games will be played on weeknights at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes regular season games, umpire fees, softballs, a post-season tournament, and awards.

Adult fall tennis league begins September 13. Men's singles games will be played on Saturdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$15 for town residents, and the registration deadline is September 5.

Monday morning walkers will visit local trails, neighborhoods, and parks on Mondays, September 8-October 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. The fee of \$5 for town residents includes a guide for each walk, trail maps, and written materials.

Friday Adventure Walkers will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. each Friday, September 19-October 17, at different locations around Fairfax County. The fee is \$10 for town residents and includes walking guides and maps. Transportation to walk destinations is on your own. Each walk is about three miles and will be held rain or shine.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

These seminars are free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

Estate Planning Made Simple will be presented on Monday, September 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain the fundamental laws behind estate planning.

10 Things Every Executor Should Know is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss preparing probate papers, filing tax returns, prudent investing, taking a commission, and basic fiduciary accounting.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

"Back 2 School" dance will be held on Friday, September 19, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Get back in the swing for the new school year with a DJ, food, and games. Free admission.

Make a snack at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23. Learn how quick and easy it is to prepare tasty, healthy snacks for after school or any time. Free of charge.

After-school program for students in grades 6-8 is available from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Kids can get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, sports and fitness activities, and more. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball, and video games. Free of charge.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Vienna Parks & Recreation offers a variety of activities to help you document your life story. For details, see the fall recreation brochure or visit www.viennava.gov.

Writing Your Personal History September 4-March 27, Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This informal, group-run class is free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea.

Foundations of Writing: The Memoir September 25-November 13, Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. Share your writing in a supportive atmosphere. The fee is \$70.40 for town residents.

Create your own cookbook October 3-November 14, Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Learn how to research, design and publish your family recipes with personal memories. \$50 for town residents.

POTPOURRI

Tickets go on sale September 22 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods." Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens over age 65. The show is scheduled October 24, 25, 27, 31, and November 1 at 8 p.m., and October 26 and November 2 at 1 p.m.

Antique & classic car winners announced—Vienna Parks and Recreation has announced the winners of its annual 4th of July Antique and Classic Car Show. First prize went to the classy 1990 red Ferrari owned by Ed Gurney. Placing second was Orin Kerr's 1935 Packard.

"It's an Old-fashioned Halloween"

Parade Deadline September 29

Monday, September 29, is the entry deadline for the 62nd annual Vienna Halloween Parade. Entry application forms and information about the parade can be downloaded from the Town's Web site, www.viennava.gov, or call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. Because space is limited to the first 100 approved applicants, the parade may fill before the entry deadline. Completed applications do not guarantee entrance.

The parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, on Maple Avenue. The categories for judging of parade entrants are Youth Band, Adult Band, Float with Music, Float without Music, Youth Performers, Adult Performers, and Antique Vehicles. An awards ceremony will be held at the November 17 Town Council meeting.

The theme of this year's parade is "It's an Old-fashioned Halloween!" and the Grand Marshal will be Vienna's favorite vampire, Count Gore De Vol, host of the online version of "Creature Feature." Count Gore last appeared in the parade in 1978 when he hosted "Creature Feature" on TV Channel 20.

Become a Parade Sponsor

Invest in a memory! Become a sponsor for the Halloween Parade and help maintain the parade's excellent level of entertainment. Thrill your friends, kids, grandkids, office mates, or potential clients by putting your name (or theirs!) in front of thousands of parade watchers. The deadline for sponsorships is September 25. All sponsor donations go directly to this and future Halloween Parades, a not-for-profit community project. For information, call parade chairman Rebecca Diamond at 703-568-1911 or e-mail rdiamond1@cox.net.

Celebrate Oktoberfest!



Saturday, October 4
12 noon – 6 p.m.
on historic Church Street

Enjoy live entertainment on two stages (main stage and children's stage), beer garden, food vendor area, music, free children's activities, and a festival marketplace.

Deadline to apply for booth space is September 8.
Call 703-281-1333 for information.

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